Mr. K. M. Kesavan With reference to answer to part (*d*) may I know why the P. W. D. Advisory Committee did not approve the estimate and funds ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas: It is included in the agenda of the meeting on Monday next.

Dr. H. Parameswaran.

30. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which Dr. H. Parameswaran joined duty after his sick leave ;

(*b*) the offices held by him at present ; and

(*c*) the salary that he now draws ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*: (*a*) 6th Kumbhom 1116 (Fore-noon)

(*b*) (1) The Controller of Stationery and Printing.

(2) Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee.

(*c*) S. Rs. 1068 21-0

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Can the Government definitely say now whether there will be no change of office of Dr. Parameswaran atleast this year ?

President: That is a suggestion for future action.

Iron Bridge at Quilon.

31. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the Iron Bridge at Quilon was declared unfit for heavy load traffic ;

(*b*) whether the road on which this bridge lies is commercially an important one ;

(*c*) whether the Government have made any provision to repair this bridge ; and

(*d*) if so the approximate period within which they hope to complete the repair ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas. (*a*) From the beginning of 1114.

(*b*) Yes,

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question of taking up this work is under discussion and consideration.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: With reference to answer to part (*d*) may I know how long it will take to decide the question of repairing the iron bridge at Quilon.

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Mr. P J. Thomas: An estimate has been received and it is under consideration.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Does the Honourable member know the time it will take?

Mr. P. J. Thomas: No.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathnad*): May I know the matter under discussion with regard to this bridge?

Mr. P. J. Thomas: It is only a question of providing funds.

Certificates of registration under the Insurance Act.

32. ***Mr. V. Sankara Menon** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any insurers are carrying on business in Travancore without the necessary certificates of registration, and if so, what action is being taken in the matter?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of insurance agents who have taken out licences under the Act till 31st March 1941 and the amount of licence fee realised during the period; and

(*b*) the number of licences issued and the amount of fee realised including renewal fee for the year ending 31st March 1942?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: (1) Yes. Such Insurers have been asked to obtain the certificate of Registration soon or to stop doing business in this State.

(2) (*a*) 418 Agents have taken out licences under the Act till the 31st March 1941. A sum of S. Rs. 2,611 has been realised as licence fee till the said date.

(*b*) 318 licences (of which 305 are renewed licences) have been issued for the year ending the 31st March 1942. A sum of S. Rs. 370 has been realised as fee.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: With reference to answer to part (1) may I know why these Insurance Agents are allowed to carry on business?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Steps are being taken to prevent from doing so. Before prosecuting them Government are trying to see whether they would conform to the provisions of the Act. If the Government are satisfied that they are persistant in their negligence, they will be prosecuted.

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